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...and we should all make sure it's not repeated,
>
Our children are taught every day at school.
>
I share their guilt and horror and I tell them,
>
 It's not your father, it's the war that's cruel.
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We grown-ups know how much Alloran mattered,
>
That anyone else could have been the tool.
>
They needed someone they could blame, but I know,
>
It's not our princes, it's the war that's cruel.
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We tell our children Alloran had no choice,
>
The Yeerks have forced him, made him break the rule,
>
And that without him, now it would be worse still...
>
But it's not the Yeerks, it's the war that's cruel.
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Yeerks want bodies, but not war. And I've been asked,
>
 So whose fault IS the war, Jahar the Fool?
>
No one's. I fight one thing. Scattered in lots of
>
People of lots of species, cruelty's cruel.
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